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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian judiciary needs to be educated on conceptual level of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and an update on the new developments in the information technology; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b) : Both Government and the judiciary are aware of the need forof information and education on Intellectual Property Rights as well as updation on the new developments in the use of information technology in courts.

Periodically National Judicial Academy has been requested to impart training to judicial officers on new and growing fields like gender injustice, human rights etc. National Judicial Academy is also considering imparting of training on Intellectual Property Rights to judicial officers.

The Central Government has been according high priority to computerization of Courts.National Informatics Centre has carried out computerization in the Supreme Court, 18 High Courts and 430 District Courts in the country.The Computerization in the Supreme Court is being updated. The Central Government has launched a pilot project of Computerization of City Civil Courts in four major metro cities of Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai which have innovative features of computerization like setting up of computerized enquiry and facilitation centres having case status information, generation of cause lists, filing and listing of cases, generation of certified copies through computers, court hearings of undertrials in Jails through video conferencing, etc. Projects of Computerization invariably have a component of training.